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Dear Dr. Lederberg:

Thank you for your review of Dr. Vischniac's proposal on the development of instruments for the detection of microorganisms on other planets. Your comments will be of great value to us in the evaluation of this proposal. We do not know what disposition we shall make of this application as other reviews have not been received as yet.

We are especially pleased to learn of the activities of the Western Group of Planetary Biology. The notes of the meeting of this group are indeed informative, and we are grateful for your thoughtfulness in sending them on to us.

Your continued cooperation in these matters is indeed appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

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